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1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 2 BELOW PO/78/26 FROM SYG LUNS
TO PERMREPS PROPOSING THAT THE LUXEMBOURG PERMREP BE
INVITED TO ATTEND FUTURE PERMREP NPG MEETINGS AS AN OB-
SERVER, BEGINNING WITH THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 5 APRIL
1978. THIS ACTION WILL PROCEED UNLESS OBJECTIONS ARE POSED
PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS 24 MARCH 1978. THE PO ACCORDS
WITH GUIDANCE IN REFTEL ON LUXEMBOURG PARTICIPATION AS AN
OBSERVER AT PERMREP MEETINGS. WE BELIEVE SYG LUNS' PROPOSAL
ON DISTRIBUTING DOCUMENTS TO LUXEMBOURG IS ADEQUATE AND
WOULD PROVIDE THE MOST WORKABLE METHOD; WE WOULD APPRECIATE
WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT. ACTION REQUESTED:
GUIDANCE BY OOB 24 MARCH 1978.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF PO/78/26:
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LUXEMBOURG ASSOCIATION WITH THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP

. ON 21ST DECEMBER, 1977, THE LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR
INFORMED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE THAT HIS COUNTRY
WISHED TO BE KEPT MORE FULLY INFORMED WITH REGARD TO THE

NUCLEAR AFFAIRS OF THE ALLIANCE AND THAT AN OBSERVER ROLE AT NPG PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' MEETINGS WOULD MEET THEIR REQUIREMENT. I HAVE BEEN ASSURED MEMBERSHIP IN THE NUCLEAR DEFENCE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OR FULL PARTICIPATION IN NPG WORK IS NOT REQUESTED AND LUXEMBOURG DOES NOT SEEK REPRESENTATION AT MINISTERIAL MEETINGS OF THESE BODIES.

2. THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD ASSIST THE LUXEMBOURG DELEGATION IN THE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE NPG DOCUMENTATION. LUXEMBOURG WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED, HOWEVER, ON ANY OF THE REGULAR DISTRIBUTION LISTS AS ARE ACTIVE NPG MEMBER COUNTRIES.

3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE ON A TRIAL BASIS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A PATTERN FOR FUTURE ALTERATIONS TO THE NATO NUCLEAR PLANNING STRUCTURE.

4. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED FROM DELEGATIONS BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 24TH MARCH, 1978, I WILL INVITE THE LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR NEXT NPG PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR 5TH APRIL, 1978, AT 3:30 P.M.

END TEXT. BENNETT

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